

(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.

(Natural Resource related items)

- Fish (sucker) available for Tribal membership. In late April-early May there will be fish available for membership. The State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources will be removing sucker from a lake in the northern, lower peninsula of Michigan. A portion of the harvested sucker will be available for Tribal members. If you are interested, please contact the LRBOI Natural Resources Department for more details
- NR Cross-Deputization. The tribe has just completed a historic agreement with the Michigan State Police to allow our Tribal Natural Resources Enforcement Officers to receive limited appointments from the State Police. The purpose of the agreement is to assist Tribal officers in enforcing the Tribe's inland hunting and fishing regulations under the 1836 Treaty.

The limited appointments will not confer general state peace officer authority, but will allow Tribal officers to require hunters and fishers to produce a hunting or fishing license and identification so that the officer can determine if they are Tribal members subject to our Tribal regulations. The agreement also satisfies a provision in the Inland Consent Decree that allows State DNR officers to enforce our Tribal regulations when Tribal members are hunting and fishing on non-Tribal lands. Any citations issued by State officers will be referred to Tribal court for prosecution.

This is an important agreement supporting our Tribal sovereignty and implementation of our 1836 Treaty Rights. See the Currents for more complete information.

(Public Safety/Court related items)

- On Saturday 04-11-09 Officers of LRBOI-DPS, Tribal Prosecutor's Office, and Tribal Court Employees and family members participated in a Fund Raiser Volleyball Tournament for Choices of Manistee. This Tournament also involved Manistee Area Law Enforcement and Corrections Employees. After a hard fought battle LRBOI placed second in the tournament losing to the Oaks Correctional Facility. Thanks to Janelle Lyrenmann for organizing the team and Jim & Kathy Grabowski for sponsoring the tournament and all who came out and supported the team.
- Court Docket. The current Tribal Court Docket is shown at the end of the Rapid River News.

(Cultural related items)

- We Shall Remain is a groundbreaking mini-series and provocative multi-media project that establishes Native history as an essential part of American history. Five 90-minute documentaries spanning three hundred years tell the story of pivotal moments in U.S. history from the Native American perspective. Episode 2 Tecumseh's Vision (PBS PREMIERE ON APRIL 20, 2009) In the course of his brief and meteoric career, Tecumseh would become one of the greatest Native American leaders of all time, orchestrating the most ambitious pan-Indian resistance movement ever mounted on the North American continent. (Watch the Rapid River for notice of other episodes).
- Tribal Member plays performed at WSCC. Two short plays produced by LRBOI Peacemaker Austen Brauker are being performed as part of a 'ten minute play festival' in conjunction with West Shore Community College. They will be performed April 24th and 25th at 8 p.m. at the Ludington Area Arts Center. Contact the WSCC Box Office at 231-845-3344 or go to www.westshore.edu for tickets.

(General area items)

- May 29, 2009 Board of Directors Open Session to be held in the Grand River Room at 4:00 p.m.
- June 26, 2009 Board of Directors Open Session to be held in the Grand River Room in the Casino at 4:00 p.m.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- Positive Indian Parenting April 23rd! The tribal Family Services Department is starting a special class at the Muskegon office. Check out the memo at the end of the Rapid River News for full details.
- Coca Cola scholarship. THE COCA-COLA FIRST GENERATION SCHOLARSHIP is offered to American Indian students who are the first in their immediate family to pursue a higher education at a tribal college or university. The deadline for applications is May 31, 2009. Learn more at http://www.raconline.org/funding/funding details.php?funding id=1563.





Positive Indian Parenting Classes

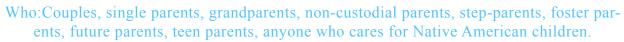
Honoring Our Children by Honoring Our Traditions

Date: Thursday, April 23, 2009

Time: 5:30 pm -7:30 pm

Where: Muskegon Office - Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Duration:8 weeks



Positive Indian Parenting is a research-based curriculum designed to provide brief, practical, and culturally specific parenting skills for those who are raising Native American children.

A light meal will be provided. Weekly giveaways.

To register call or email:
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klagerquist@lrboi.com
Candace Chapman 231-398-6651
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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family Services Department 375 River Street Manistee, Mi 49660





Traditional Healer Harland Downwind April 20 &21, 2009

Appointments available for Indian Health Services (IHS)
eligible Native Americans
Please Call Julie Wolfe
(231) 398-6632
Regarding Scheduling of appointments



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Kateri Circle

"People think other things are more important than prayer, but they are mistaken."
--Thomas Yellowtail, CROW

An Elder once said the most important thing you can do in the course of a day is to pray. If we get up late or oversleep, which is more important? Rush to work without praying or pray first and then go to work? The Elders say it's more important to pray. If we get angry, should we act on our anger or should we pray first? The Elders say it's more important to pray first. If, during the day, we face indecision, what should we do? PRAY. If, during the day, we become irritated or we experience fear, what should we do first? PRAY. The Warrior who prays first will lead a different life from those who pray last.

Great Spirit, teach me to pray first!

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Tribal Court Docket

This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 3-25-09

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

Hearing Key Code

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation CS - Child Support

DM - Divorce with children EB - Election Board Appeal

FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment GA - Gaming Appeal GM - Guardianship of Minor

JV - Juvenile

NC - Name Change TA - Trust Access

DO - Divorce w/o children EM - Emancipation of Minor

GR - Employment Matter LT - Landlord Tenant

PF - Probate

TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket

EA - Enrollment Appeal

FJ - Foreign Judgment GC - General Civil

JC - Judicial Complaint NA - Neglect Abuse

PPO - Personal Protection Order WC - Workmen's Compensation

Thursday, March 26, 2009; Judge Bailey

• 09:00 a.m. 09046GR - Moore v. Tribe Closed Employment Hearing

Monday, March 30, 2009; Judge Pope • 10:00 a.m. 08195GC - Trial

Monday, March 30, 2009; Judge Bailey

• 1:30 p.m. 09038DM - Witkop v. Witkop Pretrial

• 2:00 p.m. 08168DM - James v. James Pretrial

Tuesday, March 31, 2009; Judge Pope • 10:00 a.m. 08315GC - Trial

Wednesday, April 1, 2009; Judge Shannon

• 11:00 a.m. 08117GC - Champagne v. Romanelli, Bailey Pretrial

Monday, April 6, 2009; Judge Bailey

• 10:30 a.m. 09033DO - Chivas v. Chivas Pretrial

• 11:00 a.m. 05001DM - Noffke v. Wheeler Motion Hearing

Tuesday, April 7, 2009; Appellate Court

• 4:00 p.m. 08303AP - People v. Stone Oral Arguments

Monday, April 13, 2009; Judge Bailey

• 10:00 a.m. Meeting with Council

• 1:30 p.m. 05194DM - Hanks v. Visger Motion Hearing

• 3:00 p.m. 07188NA - Closed Child Review Hearing

Tuesday, April 14, 2009; Judge Sherigan

• 10:00 a.m. 08309GC - Concannon v. Tribe Pretrial

• 10:30 a.m. 08310GC - Detz v. Tribe Pretrial

• 1:00 p.m. 07158DO - Pranger v. Pranger Motion Hearing

• 1:00 p.m. 09013TM - Tribe v. Kelsey Motion Hearing

• 3:00 p.m. 08287TM - Tribe v. Stone Motion Hearing

Wednesday, Ápril 15, 2009; Judge Sherigan

• 10:00 a.m. 08311GC - Battice v. Tribe Scheduling Conf.

• 10:15 a.m. 08312GC - Kase v. Tribe Scheduling Conf.

• 10:30 a.m. 09045GC - Battice/Kase v. Burger/Davis Pretrial

Monday, April 20, 2009; Judge Bailey

• 9:00 a.m. 09061CO - LRBOI DPS v. NR Dept. Pretrial

• 10:00 a.m. 07225WC - Gerhardstein v. Casino Trial

• 11:00 a.m. 09014TM - Tribe v. Hutson Pretrial (with Prosecutor)

Monday, April 27, 2009; Judge Bailey

• 9:00a.m. 09050NC - Umlauf, Name Change Hearing

• 10:00 a.m. 060018DM - Taylor v. Taylor Motion Hearing

• 11:00 a.m. 09034GM - Studey & Studey Closed Hearing (minor)

(compiled by Office of Public Affairs)

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to: The Public Information Office, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840. Or send them direct to currentscomments@lrboi.com.